



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Three Towns Locality Partnership

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 6.00 p.m. in the Castle Craigs Lounge,  
Ardrossan Civic Centre

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Kerr	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
3.	<b>Pride in Place</b> Partnership to receive update on the Pride and Place Fund.	-	Verbal	Colin Bradford	LP to receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work
4.	<b>Community Investment Fund Project Update</b> Partnership to receive an update from Stevenston Community Council following their CIF Funding.	-	Verbal	Jean Frew	LP to receive update.
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					
5.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider one application made to the Community Investment Fund:  <b>Full Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club</li> </ul>	Pg 9	Enclosed	Denise Fraser	LP to consider one application made to the Community Investment Fund



## Distribution List

### Elected Members

Councillor Amanda Kerr (**Chair**)  
Councillor Stewart Ferguson  
Councillor Anthony Gurney  
Councillor Cameron Inglis  
Councillor Jean McClung  
Councillor Jim Montgomerie  
Councillor Davina McTiernan  
Councillor John Sweeney

### Community Representatives

Pat Breen  
Jean Frew  
Julia Gray (**Vice Chair**)  
Craig Mochan  
Scott Mould  
Glenn Turner

### CPP and Council Representatives

Angela Morrell, Lead Officer  
Susan Manson, Third Sector Interface  
Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland  
Chris Parker, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Susan Kelly, KA Leisure

## Three Town Locality Partnership Priorities

**Promoting the  
local economy  
and tourism**

**Regenerating  
community  
facilities**

**Increasing  
civic pride and  
community  
engagement**

**Improving  
Community  
Wellbeing**



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Three Towns Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	3 December 2025; Ardrossan Civic Centre at 6:00pm
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Amanda Kerr (Chair) Councillor Cameron Inglis Councillor Anthony Gurney Councillor John Sweeney Julia Gray, Community Representative (Vice Chair) Angela Morrell, Lead Officer, NAC Jordan Stewart, Active Schools Susan Manson, TACT Susan Kelly, KA Leisure Craig Mochan, Community Representative Chris Parker, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Ian Winton, Stevenston Community Council Chair Denise Fraser, Locality Officer Jean Frew, Community Representative Glenn Turner, Community Representative Lisa Thomson, Police Scotland
<b>Also in Attendance</b>	Sharon Fleming, NAC Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, NAC Scott Jamieson, Community Shed George Gillies, Community Shed Billy Main, NATTC John Sheehan, A W Rovers
<b>Apologies:</b>	Councillor Davina McTiernan Kimberly O'Neil, NAC Pat Breen, Community Representative Scott Mould, Community Representative Councillor Stewart Ferguson Councillor Jean McClung Councillor Jim Montgomerie

<b>ACTIONS</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Three Towns Locality Partnership meeting, introductions were made and apologies for absence were noted.</p> <p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p>	<b>Noted</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None declared</li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note from meeting in September 2025</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 3 September 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record with the following updates provided:</p> <p><b>Matters Arising: Community Investment Fund Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saltcoats Vics have now secured the required match funding for their CIF award from the Partnership, and they will go to the next Cabinet for ratification.</li> <li>• Ardrossan Bowling Club was passed at Cabinet in December 2025. Hayocks have completed their application for CAT.</li> <li>• Elderly grants were progressed as required.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<b>A Morrell</b>
3.	<p><b>CIF Project Update – Three Towns Community Shed</b></p> <p>The Partnership received an update from Scott Jamieson on Three Towns Community Shed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group provided an overview of how the CIF funds were spent-planning and renovation of the premises.</li> <li>• Images of the newly renovated space were provided.</li> <li>• 2500 users of the Shed so far this year, aiming to tackle social isolation.</li> <li>• Membership has increased by 12% and several community projects are ongoing.</li> <li>• Work with Woodland View, Turning Point and local schools.</li> <li>• Still to complete removal of old toilets, final electrical works and other small renovations and purchase of small appliances.</li> <li>• An overview was provided of funds ring fenced to aid completion totalling £17,400.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thanks Scott for his update and the Community Shed for their hard work.</p>	<b>Noted.</b>
	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>It was highlighted that the remaining CIF Balance for Three Towns Locality Partnership (minus ringfenced funding for Hayocks and Saltcoats Vics) is £3,921</p> <p>The Locality Partnership are asked to consider an expression of interest application made to the Community Investment Fund as follows:</p> <p><b>Expression of Interest</b> North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club- £3,921</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Billy Main of NATTC outlined the history of the club which was founded 24 years ago and the progression of the club and its players.</li> <li>• Sessions are running all over North Ayrshire aside from Arran but this will be a focus in 2026.</li> <li>• There are now 11 venues across North Ayrshire including on Millport and the club is the busiest it has ever been and has produced Scottish champions.</li> <li>• Visited schools to expand usage of the club and used non educational facilities over covid which increased usage of the club with older people. Bat and Chat sessions are now held to combat social isolation.</li> <li>• Membership has now increased twofold over the past 5 years and £62,000 has been invested on equipment in that time. The Club own around 60 tables currently but do not have enough coaches to cover the need for sessions.</li> <li>• The club's main facility is in the Three Towns and is classed as a hub for the sport in Scotland.</li> <li>• Won Sport Scotland Sports Club of the Year last year and also in 2013.</li> <li>• The club were recently successful in securing PB funding for holding events.</li> <li>• The Club are looking for £3,921 for a contribution of match funding towards staffing for the sessions required. There are currently numerous partners contributing funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some queries were asked about the cocktail of funding for the project. It was agreed some clarity should be sought on this.</li> <li>• Some reservations were highlighted over the spend of CIF money on staffing due to sustainability.</li> </ul> <p>ACTION- The Partnership agreed that this EOI will go forward to full application.</p>	<b>D Fraser</b>
4.	<p><b>Grants</b></p> <p>The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant applications:</p> <p><b>Common Good Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saltcoats Christmas Carnival- £3,566.82</li> <li>• The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Elderly Grants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saltcoats Old Peoples Welfare- £4,373.03</li> <li>• The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> <p><b>Three Towns Community Benefit Fund</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ardrossan Indoor Bowls - £3,850 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Some concerns were raised about the reduction in opening hours of the building. It was clarified that the group has a new</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>committee and new Chair, and they are reticent to be open when the women's toilets are not fit for purpose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was a previous concern about low membership numbers however the bathroom refurb will support people using the venue and club.</li> <li>○ The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3TFM Community Radio - - £4,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● ACDT - Santa on the Prom - £3,701 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Partnership agreed to support this application.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>ACTION- It was queried about the funds held by ACDT from Community Benefit funds. The Partnership requested an update from ACDT about how they are progressing dispersing this grant in March 2026.</p>	<p><b>S Fleming A Morrell</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Locality Update</b> The Locality Partnership received an update on the work of the Three Towns Locality Team during the last quarter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A detailed locality report was circulated with the papers.</li> </ul> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p>
	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p><b>Police updated including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A report was included in the papers.</li> <li>● An update was requested on retail crime. Police have reached out to retailers across Three Towns to encourage them to report shoplifting incidents quickly, a dedicated email has been set up for this. This process has improved outcomes around retail crime.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fire</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Crews at Kilwinning have started live play exercises with ambulance colleagues. Additionally, an ATV wildfire unit is now operational at Kilwinning and can be used for national deployments.</li> <li>● Engagement carried out with schools in run up to Bonfire Night and session with Police around road safety.</li> <li>● A new LALO has been appointed- Ian Campbell and Craig Donnelly are taking the position.</li> <li>● A winter safety campaign is also underway.</li> </ul> <p><b>KA Leisure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pool roof work is still underway and contractors can now enter the area to complete additional works.</li> <li>● Boilers are also up and running.</li> <li>● Looking at February 2026 for an opening date if all goes to plan.</li> <li>● Skate Park inspection completed with 36 actions to be carried out. The actions have been gradually being completed and access is</li> </ul>	

	<p>still open to the site. However there has still been ongoing vandalism of the area incurring additional costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numerous events carried out by St Matthews Community Sports Team and other partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Active Schools updated including:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After school club and free food hubs taking place with 35 young people attending the club on a weekly basis.</li> <li>Have also met with Lennox Partnership to support parents in getting young people to attend the club.</li> <li>Sports Academy seen around over 50 young people completing phase one and two.</li> <li>72 young ambassadors across various schools in Three Towns.</li> <li>Active Girls committee has seen a new cohort looking to increase girls' participation in sports. Workshop with the young people took place with Sports Scotland.</li> <li>173 Move and Improve Leaders across Three Towns schools.</li> <li>104 extracurricular clubs from p1 to p6.</li> <li>Transition club taking place at St Matthews.</li> <li>Neurodiversity Football Club being delivered in partnership with Winton Rovers.</li> <li>Work taking place to increase participation in Junior Park Run.</li> </ul> <p>The Chair thank everyone for their updates.</p>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Gurney advised that Cabinet updated on Pride in Place fund in December- £20 million application approved for North Ayrshire. The recommendation was that it comes to Three Towns and a further update on the progress of this application will be brought back to the Partnership. The papers from this Cabinet meeting are available on the North Ayrshire Council website.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted.</b></p>

The meeting ended at 19.36pm



### The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
  - the [Community Planning Partnership](#) (CPP) and [Locality priorities](#); and
  - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

### When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form (attached), which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Officer, by email if possible:

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For more information see the guidance form here: <https://northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>



## 1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation

NORTH AYRSHIRE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Postal Address for Correspondence

Name of Contact Person WILLIAM MAIN

Position in Organisation TREASURER /

FOUNDER Telephone Number

Email Address

<b>Total amount of funding requested:</b>	£3,921
<b>Match funding (if any):</b>	See breakdown below (£19500.00)

## 2. Brief description of your organisation

Please include its legal status, aims and objectives, activities or services provided and how long it has been in existence.

North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (NATTC) founded in 2001. The club is a community sports club, affiliated to Table Tennis Scotland and the West of Scotland Table Tennis League and is fully constituted and governed by a committee voted in by its members.

NATTC aims to give people of all ages, within the three towns and across North Ayrshire the opportunity to come along to our 24 table, Table Tennis centre at St. Matthews. All abilities and backgrounds can participate together from as young as 6 to 90 years of age. The club has grown from strength to strength with a response to community need for smaller venues popping up all over North Ayrshire including our Island communities.

Playing regularly delivers major social, physical and mental well-being benefits – addressing some of the major health challenges in society today:



- Its simplicity makes it particularly effective at helping the inactive become more active
- It can be played in schools, sports centres as well as village halls, community centres and day-care centres reaching into communities of all sizes
- We have a pathway at the club for all abilities from grass roots to international level
- We had a vision 24 years ago to introduce table tennis to the community of North Ayrshire, hence the name. We have covered most areas, and now Saltcoats is one of the main venues in the UK for table tennis visitors and major events
- The club has invested £28,000 over the past few years in new tables and equipment, and we have a total of 62 table tennis tables and 160 safety surrounds in venues within our remit. This is to meet the demand for table tennis within the local area. We have 9 active venues throughout North Ayrshire and 4 school clubs, with more planned.
- The club currently hold the title of sports club of the year, winning it for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, previously in 2013, and are the only club to have won this prestigious award twice.
- The club pride themselves on sustainability and with excellent facilities coaches, partners and a strong committee we are in our 25<sup>th</sup> year with our membership continuing to grow year on year.



### 3. Title and summary of proposal

Tell us about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for.

Please include:

- where it will be held / delivered
- who is your target audience
- who will benefit from it and how
- any partners that are involved.

Our proposal is to increase the working hours of our Development Officer in order to meet growing demand within the club and to strengthen the pathway for developing new coaches and volunteers. The enhanced Development Officer role will provide structured leadership, mentoring, and training to our part-time coaches and volunteers, ensuring they are fully equipped to deliver high-quality sessions that meet the needs of our expanding membership.

Funding will support both the extension of the Development Officer's hours and the progression of new and existing coaches towards UKCC coaching awards. These qualifications are essential for maintaining high coaching standards and ensuring safe, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate practice across all sessions. New coaches will train alongside the Development Officer, benefiting from hands-on supervision, guided learning, and opportunities to build confidence in delivering sessions independently.

Our coaching team is made up predominantly of young people aged 16 and above. By investing in their development, we provide meaningful opportunities for young people to identify their strengths, develop leadership skills, and gain recognised qualifications. As a club, we have a strong track record of supporting young people into positive destinations, with many progressing into further training, employment, or continued volunteer roles as a direct result of the experience and support they receive.

Community wealth building continues to be a major objective of the club through the years and for the future. The club have invested into the three towns and continue to help promote the local economy and tourism by staging major events in Saltcoats. In addition to these objectives:

- We actively focus on building active and strong communities by using table tennis as a means.
- Providing children and young people opportunities to take part in a fun, healthy and active experience.



- We are tackling social isolation and improving wellbeing by being inclusive of all ages, skill levels and abilities.
- We are utilising social media to promote the reach of the club across North Ayrshire.
- Assist training skills to encourage paid employment.
- We would like to leave a legacy to the community by owning or naming the table tennis centre as a centre of excellence and dedicate this to someone.
- We could not have achieved all we have over the past 24 years without the continued partnerships we have enjoyed, such as Arran CVS, TACT, NAC, KA Leisure and Active Schools
- The club has been successful in obtaining funding for capital equipment and due to this we have and are increasing our membership monthly and now into wintertime our club will be increasing venue hire to run more sessions.

#### **4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?**

Please include:

- The outcomes you aim to achieve
- How you will approach reducing inequality
- How this proposal fits with the Locality Partnership priorities of 1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism 2. Regenerating Community Facilities 3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement, Improving Community Wellbeing.

Over the past year, North Ayrshire Table Tennis Club (NATTC) has become a major host venue for national and international table tennis events following the long-term closure of Bells Sports Centre in Perth. With the support of previous funding to upgrade our equipment and promote St Matthew's Academy as a high-quality competition venue, Table Tennis Scotland has moved a significant number of major events to St Matthew's and to Inverclyde. NATTC took on these opportunities at short notice, putting North Ayrshire on the map as a national centre for table tennis.

This shift has brought substantial benefits to the locality:

#### **Major Events Hosted in North Ayrshire:**

##### **Inverclyde Sports Centre**



- Scottish National Championships for Seniors and Juniors (3-day event, 140 players) – March 2025 and again in 2026
- Scottish Parkinson’s International Tournament (90 players from across the UK and Europe) – confirmed again for August 2026

### **St Matthew’s Academy**

- Scottish National League – 48 clubs competing across two weekends: December 2025 and February 2026
- The North Ayrshire Open – 3-day competition with over 200 players from across the UK
- The first ever Scottish International Match: Scotland vs Ireland – two-day event hosting 40 international visitors
- Multiple West of Scotland and schools' competitions
- Six consecutive weeks of competitive events hosted locally

These events attracted high-level participants, international visitors, the Provost and other civic leaders, resulting in **around 246 hotel bed nights** being booked locally, alongside extensive spend in local hospitality and retail. Increased footfall also generated significant revenue for KA Leisure and for community facilities that would otherwise be quiet at weekends.

Building on this momentum, NATTC has already secured two major events for June 2026, including the prestigious **British Premier Cup**, which will be televised live. We are inviting clubs and school pupils from across Scotland, helping young people to be inspired and encouraging them to discover the “stars of tomorrow.”

### **Outcomes the Project Will Achieve**

This proposal will further grow the club’s impact in the locality by:

- **Expanding capacity at St Matthew’s** through new equipment and additional space
- **Increasing participation** in table tennis across all ages
- **Encouraging families to be active** in a safe, accessible, warm indoor environment
- **Increasing footfall and income** for KA Leisure and St Matthew’s during off-peak times



- **Supporting local regeneration** through increased visitor numbers and hospitality use
- **Creating new pathways for young people** into coaching, leadership, volunteering and employment
- **Opening new community venues** using our older tables as satellite sites
- **Increasing visibility of local sport**, supported by Ayrshire Film Company, with over 10,000 annual viewers across in-person and streamed events
- **Promoting inclusive and free access** to local sporting events, removing barriers to participation

NATTC will address inequalities by:

- Providing **free access to local competitions** and events for spectators, encouraging involvement regardless of financial circumstances
- Offering **coaching apprenticeships and qualifications for young people aged 16+**, particularly those who may not access traditional training pathways
- Creating **low-cost opportunities to be active**, especially important for families experiencing financial hardship
- Ensuring **accessible indoor facilities** that allow participation year-round, removing barriers linked to weather, transport and cost
- Working with **Active Schools** to deliver annual coaching programmes for North Ayrshire sports students, widening opportunity and raising aspirations
- Establishing **new community table tennis venues** so people in different areas can access sport locally

## How the Proposal Aligns with Locality Partnership Priorities

### 1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism

- Major events attract players, families, officials and spectators from across Scotland, the UK and Europe
- Hundreds of hotel bookings and increased footfall in local restaurants, shops and transport
- Televised events raise the profile of Saltcoats and North Ayrshire nationally



## **2. Regenerating Community Facilities**

- St Matthew's and KA Leisure facilities become recognised national event venues
- Increased usage during quiet periods helps sustain community assets
- Older equipment is repurposed to create new community venues and bring unused spaces back into activity

## **3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement**

- Hosting national and international events showcases what the area can achieve
- Local people are encouraged to attend events for free and feel part of something significant
- Young people become leaders, volunteers and coaches, strengthening community connection
- The presence of civic leaders (e.g., the Provost) builds pride and visibility

## **4. Improving Community Wellbeing**

- Encourages physical activity for all ages in a welcoming, inclusive environment
- Reduces social isolation through club engagement, volunteering and events
- Offers structured activities that support physical and mental wellbeing
- Provides positive pathways for young people, including training and employment opportunities

## **5. What engagement has taken place in relation to the project?**

Please include the number of people who have been engaged with or consulted as well as the range of people.

This project is built on long-term, sustained engagement with a wide range of partners, community groups, and participants across North Ayrshire and beyond. NATTC has grown through strong relationships, extensive community outreach, and continuous collaboration with new and existing stakeholders.



The club actively seeks new partners and responds to community needs as they emerge. As recently as last week, NATTC was approached by **new learning and disability groups** requesting support, demonstrating trust in the club's inclusive approach and the growing demand for accessible table-tennis activities.

Membership continues to grow year on year across all ages and abilities. The club now regularly supports large numbers of local residents, families and young people, with **over 280 attendees in a single week**—a record for NATTC. Of these, **170 people attended sessions across the Three Towns area**, highlighting deep local engagement and strong community demand.

NATTC operates highly active social media platforms, posting **seven days a week** to promote events, celebrate achievements, and highlight opportunities for involvement. This consistent engagement keeps the community informed and connected, strengthens visibility of the club's work, and encourages new people to join sessions or attend events.

The club maintains a weekly programme across several locations, with total attendance figures recorded from the week commencing 4th January showing sustained participation and ongoing engagement with large numbers of community members. The evidence of this engagement further demonstrates the proposal to extend the Development Officers role as the club continues to grow from strength to strength.

## 6. How will the project be managed?

Please include:

- How the finances will be managed
- Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Three Towns? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities
- If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans

The project will be managed by the NATTC Executive Committee, who oversee governance, safeguarding, financial monitoring and delivery across all club activities. Finances are managed through monthly invoicing from the self-employed Development Officer/Coach,



with each invoice and timesheet verified and signed off by two Executive Committee members.

The proposal increases the hours of the Development Officer to support the growth of sessions across the Three Towns and to lead the development of new volunteers and coaches. The post will also support a new “pop-in and play” shopfront model planned for Saltcoats, increasing community access and volunteering opportunities.

The project creates strong pathways into coaching and employment. NATTC will support volunteers and young people aged 16+ to obtain their UKCC coaching awards, enabling them to run sessions alongside the Development Officer. This strengthens local employment prospects and supports long-term club sustainability. The club currently has 25 volunteers, with numbers continuing to grow.

## 7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of funding being requested and any other funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and “in kind”.

### NATTC funding over the last 5 year period:

Year	Funder / Grant	Amount	Notes
2021	Youth Scotland Grants (x3)	£3,000	3 × £1,000
	Stanley Morrison Trust	£1,000	
	Community Enterprise – Adapt & Thrive	£5,000	COVID Recovery
	COVID Recovery Grants	<i>Amount not specified</i>	General COVID support
2022	NAVT Grant (Year 1 of 3)	£10,000	Awarded Nov 2022
	PB (Participatory Budgeting)	£2,000	
	Community Benefit Fund	£4,000	
2023	Mental Health & Wellbeing (Arran CVS – Year 1)	£10,000	
	Cecchini’s	£1,000	
	Stanley Morrison Trust	£3,600	
	Aria Grant (Capital – WK & Millport)	£9,000	
	UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£10,200	Capital – TT Centre St Matthews
	Lottery Fund	£3,000	Coronation Event



	TTS Prize Money	£3,700	
2024	Mental Health & Wellbeing (Arran CVS – Year 2)	£7,000	
	Stanley Morrison Trust	£2,000	
	PB (Participatory Budgeting)	£1,000	
2025	Mental Health & Wellbeing (Arran CVS – Year 3)	£5,000	
	Mental Health & Wellbeing (Arran CVS – Year 4)	£7,000	
	PB (Participatory Budgeting)	£2,000	
	Table Tennis England	£2,500	
	Table Tennis Scotland	£2,000	
	Cecchini’s	£1,000	
	Aria Grant (Capital – WK & Millport)	£8,000	

**In Kind Funding** - we have had so much support over the past 5 years since covid from many local companies and a huge number of volunteers. This helped us recover well from covid, which in turn resulted in our club increasing our membership dramatically due the demand from the older generation, many of whom were socially isolated.

**Amount of funding requested (£) 3921**

Please give a breakdown of cost and recent quotations where appropriate.

Item	Cost	Quotation Supplied (Y)
Contribution to salary costs of	£3921	See below

Please give a breakdown of details of match funding (if any)

Funder	Amount	Funding Secured (Y/N)
Irvine Table Tennis Club	£3500	YES
Nattc	£6000	YES
Arran CVS	£10000	NO, Decision on 28 <sup>th</sup> feb.

**3-Year Financial Forecast (2026–2029) - For Development Officer Salary Costs**



## Assumptions

- Salary requirement remains **£23,100 per year**.
- Arran CVS funding provides **£10,000 per year** in Years 1 & 2 of this forecast.
- CIF funding contributes **£3,921** in Year 1.
- Table Tennis Scotland/sport Scotland award expected to begin Year 2 (conservative est. **£8,000 per year**).
- Membership, sponsorship and fundraising income grows annually.

### Year 1: May 2026 – April 2027

Income Source	Amount
Arran CVS (Year 5)	£10,000
CIF contribution	£3,921
Membership income	£5,000
Sponsorship	£2,000
Fundraising	£3,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£23,921</b>
<b>Salary Cost</b>	<b>£23,100</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>+£821</b>

### Summary:

The post is fully funded in Year 1 with a small surplus.

### Year 2: May 2027 – April 2028

Income Source	Amount
Arran CVS (Year 6)	£10,000
Expected TTS/sportscotland contribution	£8,000
Membership income (growth)	£6,500
Sponsorship (growth)	£3,000
Fundraising (growth)	£3,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£31,000</b>
<b>Salary Cost</b>	<b>£23,100</b>



<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>+£7,900</b>
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**Summary:**

With new sport Scotland/TTS funding and membership growth, NATTC becomes comfortably stable and begins building reserves for Year 3.

**Year 3: May 2028 – April 2029**

<b>Income Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Expected TTS/sportscotland contribution	£8,000
Membership income (further growth)	£8,000
Sponsorship	£4,000
Fundraising	£4,000
Event income (major events & satellite venues)	£5,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£29,000</b>
<b>Salary Cost</b>	<b>£23,100</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>+£5,900</b>

**Summary:**

By Year 3, NATTC is **fully self-sustainable**, even without Arran CVS funding. Growth in events, memberships, sponsorship and satellite venues provides long-term stability.

**Overall Summary**

- **Year 1:** Role fully funded with CIF, Arran CVS, and club income
- **Year 2:** Additional sportscotland/TTS funding increases stability
- **Year 3:** NATTC becomes **fully self-sufficient** through club income, events, and sponsorship

**8. Monitoring and evaluation process**

Please include detail on the monitoring and evaluation processes planned or in place.



The club has established a robust and long-standing monitoring and evaluation framework that ensures all activity across our venues is consistently reviewed, measured, and improved. Our processes include the following:

### **1. Regular Monitoring and Reporting**

- The club holds monthly management meetings, during which progress, challenges, and updates from all venues are reviewed.
- The Development Officer produces monthly monitoring reports. These reports are distributed to the Managing Committee and include updates on participation, venue activity, community engagement, and project performance.
- At the Annual General Meeting (AGM), a full year-end summary report is presented. This provides a comprehensive review of activity both on and off the tables, demonstrating overall performance and impact.

### **2. Tracking Participation and Engagement**

- The club maintains accurate attendance records across all sessions and venues.
- These records allow us to measure:
  - Number of people attending
  - Frequency of participation
  - Growth in membership and community reach
- Participation data forms a core part of how we assess the benefits and reach of NATTC's work.

### **3. Measuring Individual Impact**

- We collect regular feedback and impact stories that highlight how individuals have benefited from the club's activities.
- Each participant is supported to set realistic, personalised goals, enabling us to monitor progress and outcomes over time.
- This approach ensures our evaluation is not only statistical but also focuses on personal development and wellbeing.



#### **4. Strong Governance and Long-Term Stability**

- The club has operated a robust management system for over 20 years, supported by longstanding founders, committed volunteers, and long-term funders.
- Our governance structures ensure that:
  - Monitoring processes are consistent and accountable
  - New and ongoing initiatives are managed effectively
  - Standards off the table match the quality of performance on the table

#### **5. Annual Reporting**

- We produce a comprehensive Annual Report that brings together all monitoring data, evaluations, impact assessments, and governance information.
- A copy of the latest Annual Report is available and can be provided for your review, showing all monitoring processes in full detail.

## **Locality Partnership: Three Towns Locality**

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Subject:** To advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Ardrossan Common Good Fund and Three Towns Community Benefit Fund.

**Purpose:** To consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Background:** Applications have been received in respect of the Ardrossan Common Good Fund and Three Towns Community Benefit Fund as follows:

- **Ardrossan Common Good Fund**
  - Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC - £3,000
- **The Three Towns Community Benefit Fund**
  - Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC - £6,000
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Ardrossan Guides & Brownies - £3,000

## **Key Points for Locality Partnership**

Ardrossan Common Good Fund has a balance of **£22,347.00** available for disbursement.

Three Towns Community Benefit Fund has a balance of **£50,393.07** available for disbursement.

## **Action Required by Locality Partnership**

- To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 1 to this report.

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**Date:** 19 February 2026

## APPENDIX 1

### COMMON GOOD FUND

#### APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2025/26

**Common Good Criteria –**

**The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates**

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC	<p>To provide free activities to approx. 200 local children &amp; families throughout the months of July &amp; August on synthetic park and club house at Winton Park. Places will be prioritised for families who are more in need of support. The group will provide Multisport activities, arts and crafts and football skills. Advertising the programme will be done via their website, social media pages and in local schools. The project will be open to non-members.</p> <p>In respect of safeguarding the group have full safeguarding policies in place and all staff are PVG checked. There will be a ratio of 1 worker to 8 participants and will have at least 2 first aiders on site. The CIC has an adequate insurance policy in place.</p> <p>Project Costs: Pitch Hire £1600, food £1480, Clubhouse hire £420. Contribution of £500 from unreserved funds will be used.</p>	£3,000	23/24 – Annual Fete £4000 29/20 – Fete £2,000

Connected Communities, Finance & Corporate Support, and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

**Finance & Corporate Support:**

Requested documentation has been provided and quotes have been received and verified. The remaining Ardrossan Common Good balance available for disbursement in 2025/26 would be £22,327 should this application be successful.

**Legal:** In terms of s.15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 when determining whether an application is to receive assistance from Common Good funds the Council should have regard to the interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates. This application is for a grant which will be used towards paying for pitch hire, food and clubhouse hire.

The applicant being Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC, have provided a description of what the proposed grant monies would be used for and have provided their articles, statements, accounts and quotes. The applicant has confirmed the event will provide free activities to children and that there will also be a place for the adults to socialise with food and drinks. On that basis, it would fit the criteria.

The criteria set out in s.15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 states that it should have regard to the interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates, in this case Ardrossan.

As it currently stands, it would not strictly fit the criteria due to the event being open to those out with the common good area, namely while the event is aimed at attendees from Ardrossan, attendees can also participate from across the Three Towns area.

It is noted that the group has previously received Common Good funding. Clarification could be sought as to whether those earlier events were also open to residents of the wider Three Towns area. If they were, this could be a relevant consideration in assessing the current application.

**Connected Communities:** Given that the event is accessible to all members of the community across all age groups within the Ardrossan Common Good area, it is assessed as meeting the eligibility criteria of the Common Good Fund.

# THREE TOWNS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

## Officers Report

### Applicant Contact Details

Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC
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### Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 600	Established: 2019
Group Meeting Place: Winton Rovers Park	Date of Contact: 17 February 2026 1.15pm – Teams

### Description of the Project

**Background:** The existing perimeter wall was destroyed during a storm, resulting in increased vandalism and trespass. The unsecured area backs onto railway ground, posing safety risks. The project aims to install secure palisade fencing to protect the recreational ground and prevent access to the railway line.

**Project for Funding:** The applicant is seeking funding to replace the perimeter wall/fence that was blown down during a storm. Since the wall fell, the site has experienced:

Increased vandalism

Trespass onto the recreational ground

Unsafe access routes leading towards the live railway line

The new palisade security fencing will:

Secure the boundary

Prevent unauthorised access

Improve safety for young people and the wider community

Protect the club's facilities and reduce damage

### Funding

Amount requested: £6,000	Contribution by Group:
Supply and install V-Mesh panel system fencing	£600 from unreserved funds
Finished height: 1.80m	

Posts at 3m centres	
Posts and panels powder-coated black	
Set in concrete foundation	
Cost Type	Amount
Subtotal	£5,500.00
VAT @ 20%	£1,100.00
Total Cost (GBP)	£6,600.00
Total Project Costs: £6,600.00	

#### Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Available	
Bank Details: Available	Balance in Bank: Available

#### Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
<p><b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> The installation of new palisade fencing provides an opportunity to significantly improve the visual appearance of the boundary. By incorporating native climbing plants or hedging along the fence line, the project can create a natural green corridor that supports local biodiversity and softens the visual impact of the structure. This green screening can encourage pollinators, enhance habitat connectivity, and contribute to a more attractive and environmentally friendly perimeter. Additionally, the improved boundary reduces litter accumulation and vandalism, helping maintain a cleaner, better-kept environment overall.</p>			
<p><b>Level of community involvement:</b> Community members, volunteers, and youth football teams are directly involved in and benefit from the project, as the upgraded perimeter will make the recreational ground safer and more welcoming for regular training, matches, and community use. The club engages families, residents, and</p>			

participants of all ages, many of whom rely on the facility as their primary community space.

**Level of funding secured or available:** The group has confirmed a £600 contribution from its own unreserved funds, demonstrating a clear financial commitment to the project and the ability to leverage internal resources to support delivery. This match funding strengthens the overall viability of the project by reducing reliance on external grants and evidence responsible financial planning by the organisation.

**Experience of group to deliver project:** Ardrossan Winton Rovers CIC is an established community-focused organisation with a strong governance structure, demonstrated through clear roles held by office bearers and appropriate organisational policies and documentation provided. The group manages regular sporting activities for large numbers of community members and youth teams, showing their capacity to coordinate projects, maintain facilities, and oversee operational responsibilities effectively.

**Future sustainability of project:** The installation of durable palisade fencing will provide a long-lasting solution that significantly reduces recurring issues such as vandalism, trespass, and unauthorised entry, helping to keep maintenance and repair costs low over time. By securing the boundary, the project protects ongoing investment in the recreational grounds and ensures the space remains safe and fit for use by community members and youth teams well into the future. The reduced risk of damage and safety incidents means the organisation can focus resources on programme delivery rather than reactive repairs. Additionally, if green screening is incorporated later, ongoing environmental benefits such as enhanced biodiversity and improved landscape quality will continue to develop over time, contributing to the long-term sustainability and amenity value of the site.

**Location of Project:** Ardrossan

#### Officer Details

Name:	Sharon Fleming	Position:	Grants & Performance Officer
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## THREE TOWNS COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND Officers Report

## Applicant Contact Details

3rd Ardrossan Brownies and Guides
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## Description of Applicant Organisation

Number of Members: 90 across Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers	Established: 55 years (founded 1971)
Group Meeting Place: Park Church, Ardrossan	Date of Contact: 16 February 2026 4pm – Teams

### Description of the Project

**Background:** The unit has experienced an exceptionally difficult year following the sudden passing of one leader and the bereavement-related loss of another. This situation placed the unit at risk of closure. Claire Hall joined to support the recovery and has since completed leadership qualifications, helping to rebuild stability within the organisation. As a result of these traumas, many girls missed valuable developmental experiences normally provided by the unit. The group now supports girls with a range of additional support needs including ASD, ADHD, hearing impairments and complex learning difficulties. Support plans, communication tools and fidgets have been introduced to ensure inclusive participation.

The group has formed a partnership with West Coast Furniture Bank Ardrossan, contributing to:

- Upcycling projects
- Community kitchen cooking and budgeting sessions
- Local clean-up initiatives
- Hedgehog house building to protect local wildlife
- A summer community fête / strawberry tea event aimed at increasing Girl Guiding visibility and community engagement

These activities strengthen both community involvement and environmental awareness.

### Project for Funding:

Two-day Girl Guiding Residential Camp in Ayr for 30 girls aged 7–14.

The project is a themed residential experience “Girl Guides and the Chocolate Factory” designed to rebuild confidence, emotional resilience, teamwork and practical life skills following a difficult year. Activities will include:

- Outdoor skills (rambling, campcraft, survival tasks)
- First aid learning
- Team-building and confidence-building challenges

- Environmental learning (sustainability, responsible outdoor access, litter picking)
- Creative and community-focused themed activities

The funding will ensure all girls can attend regardless of financial circumstance, removing cost barriers and promoting equitable access.

### Funding

Amount requested: £3,000		Contribution by Group: Any additional unforeseen costs will be covered by the unit.
Category	Total (£)	
Travel	£475.00	
Accommodation	£986.00	
Food & Shopping	£275.30	
Craft & Activity Supplies	£1,179.10	
Decorations & Event Items	£88.16	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£3,003.56</b>	

### Supporting Information Provided

Constitution/Memorandum of Articles: Available	
Bank Details: Available	Balance in Bank: Available

### Additional Comments on Scoring

<u>Criteria:</u>			
Charitable	x	Educational	x
Community	x	Environmental	x
Renewable Energy		Energy Efficiency	
Sustainable Development	x	General Community Amenity	x
<b>Level of environmental enhancement:</b> Environmental elements are well embedded within the project. Activities include litter picking, responsible outdoor access, sustainability learning, and engagement with local environmental volunteer groups. The camp encourages respect for the natural environment and strengthens environmental awareness among young people, which is likely to have lasting positive impact.			

**Level of community involvement:** Community involvement is high. The unit is volunteer-led, deeply rooted in Ardrossan, and provides direct benefit to local families. Post-camp plans include giving back to the community through volunteering and peer-support initiatives, demonstrating continuous community participation.

**Level of funding secured or available:** The organisation is contributing by covering any additional unforeseen costs. The grant requested represents the full planned project cost, and supporting documentation (bank statements, constitution, budget and quotes) has been provided. Financial management appears robust and appropriate for the scale of the project.

**Experience of group to deliver project:** Girl Guiding is an established national organisation with strong governance. Although the unit has experienced recent challenges due to unexpected bereavements, leadership capability has been restored. The new leader has completed formal training and is supported by the wider Guiding structure, demonstrating good capacity to deliver the project safely and effectively.

**Future sustainability of project:** The project promotes social sustainability by rebuilding a youth group that was at risk of folding, and by fostering resilience, wellbeing, and leadership in young people. Environmental sustainability is also supported through eco-awareness activities. The project therefore contributes meaningfully to sustainable development from a community-based perspective.

**Location of Project:** Park Church, Stanley Road Ardrossan

#### Officer Details

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## Promoting the local economy & Tourism

**Ardeer Cafe project** - Partnership between Ardeer Community Centre and Ardrossan Whitlees Community Centre, seen the successful launch of Ardeer Community Cafe in January. This welcome addition to the centre follows the same operational model as Whitlees Community Cafe, with footfall in the centre increasing from local businesses and community members. The cafe have successfully recruited some volunteers from the local area and would welcome any further interest to volunteer by popping in to have a chat with the staff.

### Community Benefits

- Financial donations to Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee from Carruthers (£100) and Hamilton Tarmac (£50)
- £200 supermarket voucher donated to Ardrossan Christmas Decorations Committee by Bell Group
- Financial donations to Saltcoats Christmas Carnival from Carruthers (£100) and Hamilton Tarmac (£50)
- Donation of £100 to Stevenston Christmas Lights Committee from Carruthers
- Donation of £340 for First Aiders for Saltcoats Christmas Carnival from CDM
- £150 donation to Ardrossan Youth Association from Colas
- Fridge freezer donated to West Coast Furniture Bank from YPO

**3 Towns Growers** - The committee held their annual Potato Day event in January, attracting nearly 400 attendees. CLD support was provided throughout the day. This involvement helped strengthen the relationship between CLD and the committee, reinforcing our ongoing partnership and visibility within the community

## Improving Community Wellbeing

**Three Towns Joint Community Associations** – are currently planning a host of community and family events throughout 2026 and continue to meet on a quarterly basis to share ideas and resources. Following a successful Winter Wonderland event, plans are underway to host this again during the festive season. The associations will be undertaking Naloxone training in February, which will be provided by CLD staff.



**Companion Connectors** – This is a newly formed group open to widows within the Three Towns. The group started up again in January. This a safe space for those perhaps feeling isolated, lonely or would like to meet with like-minded people who can sympathise with their experience.

- **New Scots** - wellbeing drop in for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people, supported by ESOL activities

## Regenerating Community Facilities

### Community Asset Transfer News

There are currently 5 Community Asset Transfers which are at various stages of the process across Saltcoats, Stevenston and Ardrossan, these are:

- Hayocks Swing Park
- Campbell Park, Saltcoats
- The Braes, Saltcoats
- Castle Hill, Ardrossan
- Melbourne Toilets and Public Park

### Hayocks TARA

The group have now submitted their full CAT application. They are continuing to work closely with CLD staff to ensure successful completion of their application





# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Promoting the Local economy & Tourism

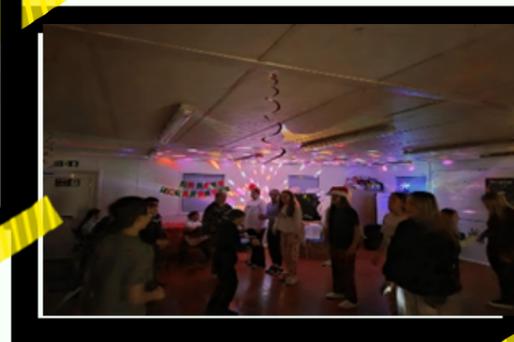
- **New Scots** families supported with poverty and financial inclusion through community hubs, areas supported including carers allowance, debt, benefits interpretation, and emergency grants.
- Rights and entitlements support integrated into Big Community ESOL class, increasing asylum seekers' uptake of financial support.
- "Next Take" film and media skills project now in its 3rd year, expanding to include asylum-seeking young people.
- ESOL assessments, accredited learning progress, and work-relevant skills developed across all class levels.
- Bridges Programme partnership strengthened for Ukrainian learners, improving understanding of employment pathways.
- **Core Skills team** are delivering 3 drop-ins and providing 1-1 supports delivering literacy, numeracy, digital skills and employability preparations. The team are currently supporting 38 adult learners

## Improving Community Wellbeing

**Ardrossan Youth Association** – The group planned out and supported the delivery of their Christmas party. This was enjoyed by all young people who attend the AYA and FAB group. The group are now planning for their up-coming Easter & summer events where lots of ideas will come to fruition.

**F.A.B. Youth Group** – Continues to grow in numbers. The young people also enjoyed the Christmas party.

**Both groups started back on Thursday 22nd January.**



**Gamers group** – This group provides a supportive and inclusive space for ASN young people aged 12–15. Weekly sessions are consistently well attended by around 14 young people. Participants enjoy a range of activities including Uno, PlayStation, Xbox and Dungeons & Dragons. Over time, strong friendships have developed within the group, and many have begun exploring new skills using equipment such as the 3D printer and Cricut machine. The group are now looking forward to their first trip out in February.

## Regenerating Community Facilities

**3 Town growers** – Build is going well and nearing completion. Proposals are underway to look at hub opening and closing times and options for the community space moving forward.

**Hayocks Parent Council** – CLD staff supporting to apply for the addition of a Trim Trail which would be fully accessible to the wider community.

**Stevenston community council** - The benefits of a local flood resilience group in and around Canal Crescent was discussed at the recent meeting. This group could help manage flood impacts in advance of any formal flood protection scheme for the Stevenston burn. CLD have offered support with early engagement activities.

**Ardrossan Youth Association** – Preparation work is underway for the inside of the centre. This will include fresh paint and new floor coverings throughout.





# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

**Chit Chat(s)** – The team have held a series of community chit chats in January across the Three Towns. The engagement explored community perspectives on ‘good jobs’, barriers to accessing employment, and opportunities for partners to improve access to fair work in line with Marmot Principle 3. CLD team worked alongside CHES leads, with the addition of a representative from NAC Regeneration team, to provide some information on the Price in Place funding.



**Save Ardrossan Harbour** was one of the many groups supported digitally to apply for PB funding and further promote their application online.

Save Ardrossan Harbour successfully secured £1k from PB funding which will boost the group with their campaign to save the harbour, they have had limited access to printing for flyers, petitions and posters. This funding will allow the group to operate more cost effectively. The project will also increase the groups profile with purchasing more pin badges, in turn, helping to raise the groups profile.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

### 3T Discovery Award

The group have been busy since their return on the 19th January. Sessions so far have seen a 6-month advanced planning day, burns day celebration, crafting session and a visit to a local historical site, Dalgarnan Mill. The group were successful in their PB 2025 bid and have purchased their 3D printer and Cricut machine. This technology will enable the group to create popular crafts/art which they will sell to help generate a frequent income stream. Furthermore, the group are planning their second daffodil tea and will extend this invite out to all Discovery Groups NA wide.



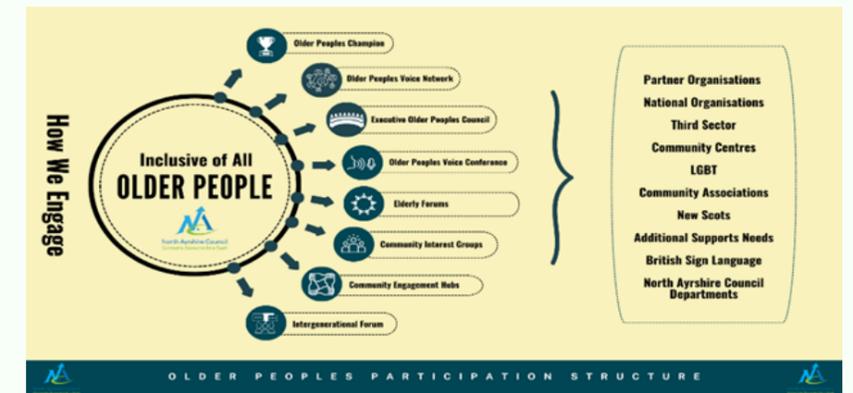
## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### LGBT Awareness Training

Training continues to be delivered to staff and partners across the council on LGBT Awareness Training with another cohort of HSCP staff trained in supporting LGBT communities, these training sessions take place quarterly and cover language, stigma, support, practical tools and conversation starters

**Three Towns Older Peoples Voice** – representatives from the Three Towns Older Peoples Network have been invited to the Older Peoples Conference which will take place on March 6th at Redburn Community Centre.

Following up from the older people's executive council meeting, the active travel hub has been invited to attend meetings with groups to identify potential drop kerbs that need improved or areas which need a drop kerb.





# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement



**Gaelic Conversation Café** – Supporting local community member to facilitate 2 conversation cafes to establish the need/want and interest around providing a space for a Gaelic Conversation Café group to be created in the Three Towns. These drop ins sessions will give people the opportunity to come along, meet like minded and collate ideas on how they would like the group to take shape if response is successful.

### Third Sector COG

The December meeting of the COG was cancelled due to low attendance, and the next meeting is scheduled for 19th February.

The Child Poverty and Early Intervention Fund subgroup (Beith Trust, TACT, 1st Alliance and CHAP) have now agreed, signed and returned their SLAs to release the funding for the project, which formally began in February 2025 for 1 year, and the payments have now been made to each organisation for their respective roles in the process. The funding awarded is as follows:

- 1st Alliance: £33,643
- Beith Trust: £52,625
- CHAP: £36,066
- TACT: £105,056
- Total awarded: £227,390

## Improving Community Wellbeing

**Community Hub of Hope** – The group are now operating as a SCIO and navigating new challenges available to them with this status. Most recently the group have been supported to advertise volunteering opportunities and to access external funding streams. Furthermore, the group are being supported to create partnership working opportunities through identifying other groups with the same ethos who could use the groups space during the day.

**D.I.S.C. Award Group** – The group returned from their winter break WB 12th January. They have planned their weekly sessions up until April so far and are looking forward to the next few months ahead. On the back of successfully gaining £1000 from PB the group have purchased their 3D printer and Cricut machine which is needed to complete their upcoming project of transforming the Telephone box in the youth centre. The money will also provide the group with breakfast for the next year. The group will be attending their first trip of the year to Robert Burns Cottage and museum.

**Lifelines group** – Lifelines is a group that has been operating since 2023 with the support of Saltcoats Link Up. Sadly, the service will be finishing up in March 2026 and request for support to be continued through the three towns locality team has been sought. The group are responsible for creating and distributing pocket sized guides to raise awareness and signpost support for people struggling with suicide.



## Improving Community Wellbeing

### Climb Project

CLIMB Leadership and Wellbeing Programme is a transformative course designed for senior year students who may benefit from a gentle boost in confidence, connection and purpose. A group of 12 young people all referred on to the programme from their schools are taking part in the programme that spans over 10 months engaging in programmes and workshops such as Outdoor learning, First Aid, Yoga and Residentials. The lasting impacts, healthy relationships and increased healthy communication is apparent to see within the group

### Drama for Wellbeing

Carrying on from the successful summer programme - Drama for Wellbeing, we have taken the programme as is but running it over 6 weeks within a designated locality before moving on to the next locality.

Running on a Tuesday evening for 2-hour classes. Going off the already established summer workshop model there are 5 weeks of drama workshops culminating in week 6 where the young people will pull together their learning for a final performance. This has been run successfully in Garnock Valley and currently taking place in the Three Towns locality with 36 young people taking part.



# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

- ESOL** Reps supported a community open evening, promoting broader access to learning.
- Gaelic community** consultations and conversation group planning reinforcing cultural pride and identity.
- New Scots Youth Committee** delivering study sessions, outdoor learning, and planning a jobs fair.
- Targeted support session for unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people coordinated with Guardianship Programme.

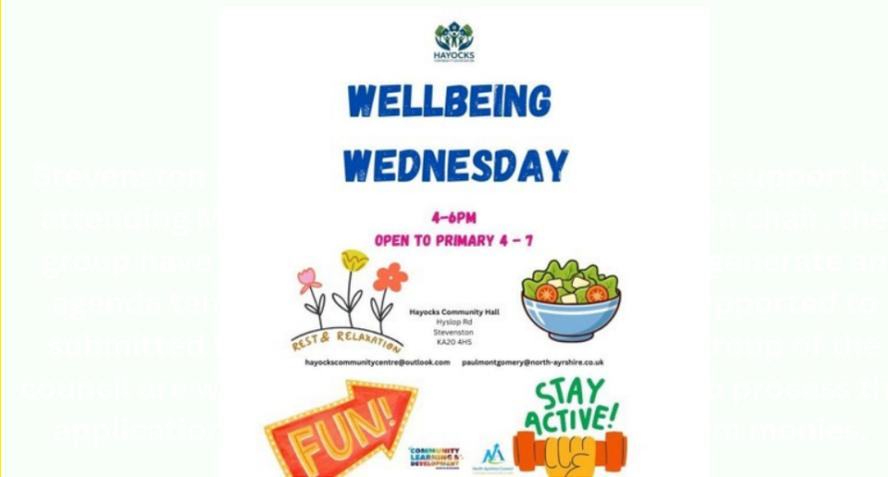
**Champions Boards** are now established across all secondary schools (youth led groups that give care experienced young people a voice in shaping services and decisions).

In Arran and Lockhart, sessions take place monthly.

In all other schools – St Matthews, Auchendarvie, Kilwinning, Largs, Garnock, Ardrossan, Irvine Royal, and Greenwood - sessions run fortnightly.

## Improving Community Wellbeing

**Wellness Wednesday** – after the continued success of the Youth Café – there has been an overwhelming interest from the local community for the need for a youth group for younger children. Working in partnership with the Project Delivery Officer for Mental Health and Wellbeing the facilitation of the launch of the group has taken place with 12 on the first week and 15 participants on the second week.



### 3 Towns – Larder Footfall

A total of 1601 visits were made to the 5 community larders in the 3 Towns Locality. This is a drop of 147 visits over the quarter. For the first time, single adult households have been the majority user of the food larders taking up 35% of the footfall. Families made up 33% Couple made up 22% Unknowns made up 10%



## Improving Community Wellbeing

**The Duke of Edinburgh** - continues to run successfully across schools and communities in North Ayrshire.

We currently have 1041 participants actively involved in various stages of the Award with a further 119 young people enrolling between 1st December 2025 and 11th February 2026.

Within this two-and-a-half-month period 41 full Awards were achieved (19 Bronze, 7 Silver and 15 Gold).

Within the community we are supporting 3 groups; Ardrossan Community Sports Hub, Garnock Valley Youth Forum and the Young Personal Support Team, with around 60 young people involved within these non-school DofE groups.

Our 15 successful Gold achievers will be attending the Palace of Holyrood House this July to receive their Awards from the Duke of Edinburgh. The DofE Award celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.



# Locality Partnership Progress Update



## Improving Community Wellbeing

In partnership with Scottish Government and Education Scotland we are developing Access Granted, a cyber resilience initiative designed to tackle online safety challenges faced by financially excluded individuals, those disengaged from schools, and targeted behavioural groups at schools, who often struggle with digital systems, online banking security, and avoiding scams. Through community engagement, we have collaborated with local authorities. East Ayrshire, West Dunbartonshire, Inverclyde, and Renfrewshire - to develop, design and deliver Access Granted and extend its reach to schools and wider communities. The programme also supports work and skills development, with young people progressing to higher education at West College Scotland, creating positive destinations for around 20 participants per authority.

- 5 Modules in total
- 5 weeks to complete with a 6th week for follow on steps
- Canva booklets for each module and instruction booklets
- One binder per Local Authority with full training
- Instructions and support contacts.
- 10 young people at Redburn (pilot) From Irvine Royal Academy
- 5 young people at Auchendarvie Academy
- 10 young people from Extended Outreach

## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### Locality Profiles

- The draft profile for the Three Towns – originally intended to map CWB activity for senior staff and Elected Members – has continued to evolve as discussions around Locality Partnerships and Locality Networks have developed in the background. The intention moving forwards is now to use this piece of work to re-engage Locality Networks which are struggling to get meaningful buy-in from partners, providing a tangible, real-time snapshot of what is happening in each locality and where there are genuine opportunities for meaningful cross-service and cross-sector work. With this in mind, the new plan is to:
  - Produce a pilot profile for the Three Towns for use within the Network context
  - Base a future, simplified version on this which will sit within the process for refreshing the locality priorities in 2027
  - Identify a space in Sharepoint where all locality mapping and research can be hosted for anyone in the Council to access with read-only permissions, making it easier to locate and use the high quality research we hold, currently siloed in service filing systems

### The Promise

Young people involved have begun or about to begin the “What Is The Promise?” six session training programme. This programme is designed to build understanding of The Promise in a youth friendly way and can be completed in tandem with a relevant accredited Youth Work Award, providing a dedicated project focus. session training programme. This programme is designed to build understanding of The Promise in a youth friendly way and can be completed in tandem with a relevant accredited Youth Work Award, providing a dedicated project focus. session training programme. This programme is designed to build understanding of The Promise in a youth friendly way and can be completed in tandem with a relevant accredited Youth Work Award, providing a dedicated project focus. friendly way and can be completed in tandem with a relevant accredited Youth Work Award, providing a dedicated project focus.

## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

Young people planning session for staff **Promise Conference**- The group reviewed key themes from the conference and added their own ideas about what matters to them as young people. They then chose how they want to share their voice at the conference, selecting from four creative options (poster, video, presentation/digital art, or arts & crafts) and began planning in their chosen groups. Young people also discussed whether they’d feel comfortable sharing their work with staff at the conference and started drafting questions they may want to ask operational and senior staff. They then continued developing their creative pieces, and the session closed with a brief discussion about conference activities, final questions, and next steps. Promise Conference – Reflecting and Recommitting The event was delivered in two separate sessions: one for operational managers and one for strategic managers. Both sessions followed the same structure and focused on progress, priorities, and collaborative planning linked to The Promise. The day opened with a welcome and overview of objectives, followed by a national update from The Promise Scotland. Young people then shared their experiences and perspectives. Local authorities provided updates on their own progress and key initiatives. After a short break, staff took part in a carousel of thematic discussions across community, health, education, and social care. The event concluded with reflection and action-planning, capturing commitments and next steps, along with an outline of the feedback process



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## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### Pupil Voice Toolkit

The North Ayrshire Executive Youth Council have developed a Pupil Council Toolkit and Charter to strengthen and standardise pupil voice across all North Ayrshire schools. Consultation with young people showed significant inconsistency in how pupil councils operate, the support they receive, and the opportunities available to influence school decision making. The toolkit aims to ensure a minimum standard of practice, improve participation, and embed young people’s rights—particularly Article 12, which protects their right to be heard in decisions affecting them.

The **Executive Youth Council** codesigned the toolkit, including guidance, templates, and clear expectations for schools. Now in the design phase, the toolkit will be launched in partnership with schools to support more consistent, effective and democratic pupil voice structures across North Ayrshire.

### UNCRC Work and training

To strengthen understanding and implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) across our services, the following actions have been delivered:

- 7-Minute Staff Briefing: A short, focused session introducing the principles of UNCRC and its relevance to our work with children and young people.
- Mandatory Online Training Module: All staff are required to complete an e-learning module designed to build awareness of UNCRC, covering key articles, rights-based practice, and responsibilities in supporting children’s rights.

These initiatives aim to embed a rights-based approach in everyday practice and ensure compliance with statutory duties under UNCRC

## Promoting the Local Economy & Tourism

We currently have 4 **Modern Apprentices** going through the Youth Work Apprenticeship at SCQF Level 7. With 8 in house assessors and another 2 currently going through their qualifications. Our recent SQA External Verification visit passed with high confidence and green in all aspects of the inspection. The Modern Apprentices continue to be an integral part of our youth work delivery in schools and communities through locality work and issue-based delivery in wellbeing, cyber, care experienced and working with key partners engaging with young people.

Four Modern Apprenticeships completed their qualification in February and are moving onto the next steps in their careers, all have applied to Community Education/ Development courses at UWS and Glasgow – 2 have already been accepted into courses while the other 2 await interviews, 2 have also secured part time employment as Pupil Support Assistants and Breakfast club staff.

## Increasing Civic Pride & Community Engagement

### Executive Youth Council/ MSYPs

The executive youth council and MSYP meet fortnightly and have been supporting the Communications department with messaging around food banks over the festive period, period poverty and promoting the council budget engagement. They are in the final stages of producing a Pupil Voice Toolkit that aligns with our Participation and Citizenship Strategy and Learners Voice Strategy. Our MSYPs continue to represent the voices of their constituents at a national level attending meetings, events and national sittings.

### North Ayrshire Staff and Partner Event - Emerging Trends - Refresh of North Ayrshire's Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy 2026-2030

North Ayrshire staff and partners recently took part in engagement activity contributing to the early shaping of the refreshed Youth Participation and Citizenship Strategy 2026–2030. This work aligns with the wider Community Learning & Development (CLD) strategic planning process, which emphasises coproduction, strong involvement of staff, partners, and communities, and embedding learning from previous plans. production, strong involvement of staff, partners, and communities, and embedding learning from previous plans and postpandemic needs.

This staff and partner input ensured the refreshed strategy will continue to build on strong participation foundations established in previous strategies (including the 2021–2025 plan), maintaining North Ayrshire’s commitment to supporting young people to play an active, influential role in their schools, services, and communities.



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## Partner Updates

### NAC - Business Development

The Business Development Team actively supports the three Towns business base. In the period of December 2025-February 2026, we have provided advice to a number of new and established businesses and continue to work with those who are implementing next steps and developing projects. We have supported 8 new businesses to start-up and supported 2 businesses with specialist consultancy support. As well as offering a number of free Business Gateway workshops and webinars covering a range of business topics, we have supported a range of businesses within the 3 Towns with procurement advice, fair work practice information, digital advice and energy/sustainability related support.

### HOPE in the Community Project

The HOPE in the Community Project delivers weekly lunch clubs, social activities, health and wellbeing sessions, and digital support for older people across the Three Towns and wider North Ayrshire. By securing funding to retain the CLASP Resource Centre in Stevenston, the project has preserved an important community facility for public use.

A full programme of activities is offered for residents over 50, supported by 30 trained volunteers who help deliver services and gain pride and ownership through their roles. The project also supports local businesses by sourcing food and supplies locally.

HOPE has developed a Peer Support Group where older people can discuss local issues and help shape future services. The project provides befriending—both at home and by telephone—and offers its centre as a space for community groups and partner organisations to meet.

Overall, the project strengthens community wellbeing by reducing isolation, increasing local participation, supporting healthy living, and creating meaningful volunteering opportunities.

## Turning Point

Turning Point Scotland strengthens civic pride and community wellbeing by running community recovery events and creating meaningful volunteering, training, and employment pathways for people in recovery. These opportunities not only support individual progress but also build a more resilient and connected community. Working closely with the local Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Turning Point Scotland delivers impactful workshops in secondary schools across the 3 towns. These sessions help young people understand alcohol and drug issues, trauma, and adverse childhood experiences through education and powerful lived-experience stories. This early intervention work is invaluable—reducing stigma, increasing awareness, and supporting healthier future communities.

In the wider 3 towns area, Turning Point Scotland provides tailored support to individuals seeking to reduce or stop their alcohol or drug use. By helping people improve their health and wellbeing, they directly contribute to stronger, safer, and more connected communities.

To achieve this, they collaborate with a wide range of partners—including KA Leisure, NHS Scotland, Children First, housing and social work services, justice and mental health teams, rehabilitation providers, and the Ayrshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership—ensuring holistic, community-centred support that benefits both individuals and the wider area.

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## Three Towns Locality Partnership

**Date:** 04/03/2026

**Subject:** Police Scotland: Wellbeing and Partnership Working.

**Purpose:** To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing and partnership working and the priorities of the Three Towns Locality Partnership:

1. Promoting the Local Economy and Tourism
2. Regenerating Community Facilities
3. Increasing Civic Pride and Community Engagement
4. Improving Community Wellbeing

### 1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.

#### Campus Officer Updates (Auchenharvie, St Matthews, Ardrossan)–

##### Safer communities

##### St Matthews Academy

- Identified a gap in the current Campus Officer input/presentation materials surrounding the increase of the use of Ketamine in young people and the physical and psychological impacts it's having on young people. Created a new presentation on Ketamine Awareness and delivered this to the whole of the S6 population within the school.
- Organised an internal 'New Driver' awareness session for all S6 pupils within the school assisted by PC Gary Easton from Roads Policing, raising the risks of being an inexperienced driver and providing safety advice.
- 'You, Me, Together' – Domestic Abuse controlling and coercive behaviour inputs delivered to S5 pupils within school as part of 16 Days of Action campaign. At the conclusion of the campaign, pupils and staff from the school organised a walk from the school to Women's Aid in Saltcoats to show support of the campaign. The pupils received an input from staff at Women's Aid. PC Lewis assisted by Guidance staff later reattended at Women's Aid to hand in a collection of donated toiletries that had been donated by pupils and staff from the school for their service users.

### Ardrossan Academy

- Currently delivering an input on the **young driver initiative scheme**, targeting S5 pupils some of whom have provisional licences and are taking driving lessons. The input was created by our own roads policing department which includes a case study of a fatal RTC. Attended a trainer course last year so campus officer could deliver the input at school.

### Auchenharvie Academy

- Input's to classes regarding the role of a police officer.
- Arranged for Terrorism talk to take place in the school within the Social Studies Department.
- Talks to Primary school regarding Internet Safety that tied in with Internet Safety Day.
- Regular meetings with Senior Leadership Team within the school regarding concerns for pupils in the school and in the community.

### Community wellbeing

#### St Matthews Academy

- Attended St Peter's Primary School World of Work Day to discuss the role of the police in the community and the role of the Campus Officer, allowing the children to view and discuss the various pieces of protective equipment carried by police.
- Attended St John's Primary School as part of Internet Safety campaign and delivered Online Safety & Cyberbullying inputs to all P5-P7 pupils.
- Delivered Internet Safety inputs to all S1 & S2 St Matthew's pupils as part of the Internet Safety campaign.
- Delivering ongoing policing inputs to S3 & S4 Modern Studies classes who are focusing on Criminology. Delivery of inputs around general policing duties, forensics and the justice process.
- Continuing to manage and coach the S2 football team who have successfully qualified for the quarter finals of the Ayrshire Cup. This has enabled campus officer to continue to build good strong positive relationships and rapport with the young people involved which has been acknowledged by school staff.

### Ardrossan Academy

- 10 Pupils were identified to take part in **G.R.I.T (Growth, Resilience, Independence and Trust)** programme to support wellbeing and progress. These pupils were

selected based on failing to make progress in a number of subjects in S2, their ASN as well as SIMD (Scottish Index Multiple Deprivation) 1 or 2.

- The programme was designed by Outdoor Education Team at Dumfries House and pupils attended full day sessions over 4 weeks in January. All of the pupils were successful.
- S2 1-S3 boys Football Team – the campus officer has been assisting with boy's football teams as part of extra curriculum activity, since the beginning of term. This has enabled the officer to build good relationships and rapport with, promoting a different side to the Police. The pupils are now more likely to engage with the campus officer on a daily basis.

### Auchenharvie Academy

- Carrying out M VP (Mentors in Violence Prevention) programme with senior pupils in the school with the aid of pastoral care staff.
- Carrying out Inputs within the school with pupils regarding Knife Crime, Internet Safety, and Drugs.
- Meetings with Outreach Principal regarding concerns for pupils and to give advice.
- Submitting intelligence regarding incidents in the community.
- Liaising with Head Teachers of Primary Schools over incidents that take place in the community.
- Regular meetings with Pastoral Carers in the school, regarding incidents that take place in the school, and in the community which filter through to the school.
- Frequent dialogue with ESOL ( English for Speakers of Other Languages) to support their pupils.
- Regular meetings with parents to support pupils within the school community, and advising regarding social media.
- Cooperating with Social Work and Auchenharvie's YPSW (Young Person Support Worker) to assist pupils.
- Collaborating with MCR pathways, SSR( Secondary Support Resource),and school youth worker.

### Ongoing development

#### St Matthews Academy

- Initial planning stage to organise the ACES (Ayrshire Communities Education and Sport) Street Striker Challenge which is designed to raise awareness and help tackle

knife crime among young people). This will be targeted towards all S1 pupils within the school.

- Plans in place for Craig Houston from Teen Challenge, now known as The Haven in Kilmacolm, to attend the school on 6<sup>th</sup> March to give inputs on drugs through his own lived experience. He speaks to the pupils about his life at school, getting started on drugs and then progressing to dealing. He follows on to how he got a significant prison sentence for culpable homicide after being charged with putting a slab on a rail track which resulted in the death of 2 individuals. How life in prison escalated his drug problem and how he then, on release from prison turned his life around. This will be delivered to all S6 pupils in the school.

### Ardrossan Academy

Continuing the delivery of inputs on **internet safety and cyberbullying** at the primary feeder schools for P6 & P7s. The remaining primary school still to have the inputs is West Kilbride. Arrangements have been to deliver 4 inputs to P6 & P7 Feb into March, commencing 17/02/2026. West Kilbride will be the last feeder primary to receive the inputs.

Organised PSE inputs for the month of March on **Sextortion** targeting S5 pupils utilising the learning platform, Fearless Scotland.

North Ayrshire Council have recently been shortlisted to receive £12000 worth of funding from Youthlink Scotland to lead and deliver a pilot project, from January 2026 to March 2026 under the **No Knives Better Lives** banner. The project wishes to involve Police, schools (particularly outreach) and to work together – hoping to focus on areas where there are areas of ASB, youth violence and knife carrying and will have a focus on direct delivery, early intervention and prevention, whilst enhancing youth work at a local level.

At the core of the project, will be a strong focus on strengthening local partnerships, specifically with schools and police, through a collaborative approach, to achieve the following:

- Contribute directly to a reduction in youth related violence and knife carrying
- Increase the youth work offer for young people in targeted local communities
- Increase the number of young people engaging in positive activities in their communities
- Support young people at risk of disengaging from education to develop their skills including confidence, communication, organisation and planning, decision making, teamwork and leadership.
- Drive improvements in positive relationships between young people and trusted adults in their communities
- Improve partnership working between young people, schools, police, and key stakeholders, to co-create locality-based violence prevention plans. This will look to provide long-term sustainability for the Youth Work Preventing Violence Project and input directly into individual School's Improvement Plans.

### S1-S3 Champions Programme

The school are launching a short **Care Experience mentoring programme** for staff who may be interested in taking part as mentors.

Mentors will be matched with senior pupils who have care experience or are a vulnerable pupil for a brief weekly check in (approximately 5–10 minutes). These sessions will focus on:

- General wellbeing check ins
- Supporting pupils with attainment (e.g. study guides, revision techniques, organisation)
- Helping pupils look after their wellbeing during periods of study and increased stress

The programme will run for 6 weeks, starting week beginning 23rd February and has been designed to be manageable and flexible for both staff and pupils. The campus officer will also assist and me a mentor in the programme.

## **2. Asks of the Locality Partnership**

Nil

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